

# Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 the Year in Advance in the County

Sylva, N. C., Wednesday, January 19, 1927

\$2.00 the Year in Advance Outside County

## GOV. WILL NOT OPPOSE BONDS

Western North Carolina members of the general assembly have been given definite assurance by Governor McLean that there will be no opposition from the executive branch of the government to the proposed issue of two million dollars in state bonds to supplement the funds already raised by private subscription for the purchase of the lands for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

This statement was made following conferences with Governor McLean and members of the North Carolina Park Commission held in Raleigh Tuesday. The Governor insisted, however, that a definite plan be submitted by the federal government as to what it proposes to do in the development of the park area, and when the development is to begin.

A committee will confer with Secretary Work, in Washington in the immediate future, and will whip the plans into shape, having them ready to present to the North Carolina assembly within a short time.

There is a feeling among those informed upon the subject that with no fear of executive opposition, the bond issue will have slight opposition in the legislature as it is generally recognized that the park is a matter of state wide importance, a constructive policy that will affect the entire state of North Carolina as well as the other states in the Southeast, and in fact the whole of Eastern America.

## AUTHORITY OF HIGHWAY BODY AGAIN CURTAILED

Raleigh, Jan. 12—Invoking the general principles laid down in the celebrated Newton road case, the Supreme Court today further restricted the discretionary powers of the State Highway Commission and, upholding a restraining order granted by Judge Garland Midgette in Robeson County Superior Court, refused to allow it to make one road do the work of two.

The case was that of Carlyle and others vs. the Highway Commission, and involved the right of the Commission to unite Route 70 and 20 thirteen miles out from Lumberton and run them into the town as a single road.

## Sylva Warmer than Elsewhere

Sylva with a temperature of 11 above zero, was one of the warmest spots in North Carolina, Sunday morning. Asheville's recorded temperature was just a fraction more than 1 above zero, while weather colder than that in the valleys West of the Balsams was recorded at all points east of those mountain barriers. The official recording in Atlanta was 10, just one degree lower than Sylva.

## Painter Undergoes Operation.

Mr. B. O. Painter is recovering at the Franklin hospital, following an operation, which he underwent at that institution last Sunday.

## BOOSTERS OF SMOKY PARK SEEK SUPPORT OF GOV. McLEAN

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 17—The movement to secure State aid for the Great Smoky Mountains National park project came to the fore here again today when a committee of park boosters held an extended conference with Governor McLean.

No announcement of the results of the conference was made but it was indicated that the committee would see the Governor again tomorrow. Those leading the movement for the park are eager to get Mr. McLean's support for a proposal to issue \$2,000,000 in bonds to supplement private subscriptions to the fund for acquiring land in the park area.

Those conferring with the Governor were Charles A. Webb, copublisher of The Citizen, Don Elias, of the Times; Judge T. J. Murphy, of Asheville and Dr. E. C. Brooks, chairman of the Appalachian National Park

## DEMOCRATS ELECT REPUBLICAN SHERIFF

There has been much good humored speculation throughout the state, for the past week over the action of the Democratic board of county commissioners of Randolph electing a republican as sheriff of the county.

It came about on this wise: J. F. Cranford, republican, elected as sheriff in the November election, resigned. The county commissioners, composed of Ernest Watkins, democrat; W. C. Grimes, democrat; J. W. McElhanlon, democrat; W. L. Ward, republican and E. L. Leach, democrat, proceeded to elect, J. A. Brady, a former republican sheriff of the county to fill the vacancy. All the officers of the county are democrats except the sheriff and commissioner Ward.

## A POULTRY GRAVEYARD

(By C. W. Tilson)

Back in my home county there is situated on a south sloping hill near the edge of the woods a good standard built poultry laying house for 150 hens, and just down the hill a ways nearer the farm house is a standard two in one brooder house for raising chicks. Strange to every passer there are no hens in the house nor chicks in the brooder house. When you ask about it some one on a nearby farm where most farmers have one or two hundred busy hens paying them a profit, will tell you that desolate place is the community poultry graveyard. Then when you look again the larger house at the top and brooder house at the foot of the slope remind you of tomb stones.

The story of the life and death causing the establishment of this graveyard is often told by the farmers and farm women, and it goes somewhat like this: The owner of this place decided to raise and keep a flock of 150 to 200 hens. He built a double brooder house and put in two brooders. He planned to keep barred plymouth rocks and ordered six hundred chicks and placed three hundred with each brooder. His idea was to do this like some of his successful neighbors and also get his chicks in March. He waited until the last day of March to let the weather get warm and went down to the Hatchery to buy his chicks. Here he was told that folks have to put in orders 5 to 6 weeks ahead if they want to be sure of getting chicks on a certain date. He decided "well, late chicks were easier raised anyway," and left his order for 600 chicks. He received 600 good Barred Rock chicks the 15th of May so they say.

He and his wife found that chicks were hard to get to grow after hot weather in June and July came before they were very large, so when eggs were high in October and November and his neighbor's March hatched pullets laying 60 cent eggs his May pullets were only two thirds grown. His pullets, 130, were housed in the good laying house and fed on good commercial feed, but it was February before they were laying and eggs selling for 30 cents per dozen.

In March the eggs from these pullets were saved for hatching while the pullets stayed in the house about the place with no green ryegrass or any form of green feed available.

The hatches from these eggs were poor and of the chicks more died than lived and with good handling only one third of these chicks lived to grow off. In August a neighbor farm poultry keeper helped cull the old flock and those hens left along with the pullets were placed in the laying house. They were fed commercial feed bought together at the store while this farmer sold all his home grown grain to the mill for half the price he paid for the grain in his commercial bought feed. By December of that year this farmer had decided his poultry was a losing proposition and sold off every chicken on the place. And there stands the houses empty and the so-called poultry graveyard.

Most any farmer in that mountain community will tell you if you want to take mighty good chance of making a poultry graveyard for yourself to get your chicks in May or June, so you will have a lot of late pullets to feed all winter to get 30 cent eggs in the spring, or save hatching eggs from hens without plenty of good green feed of some kind, or feed your hens altogether on bought commercial feed while you and farmers in your community sell grain to the mills for only half to two thirds the price you pay for it in commercial feeds. And fail to cull your pullets or hens close less than 2 or 3 times per year. Either of these practices just mentioned or a mixture of them will soon build a poultry graveyard on most any farm.

You will find the really successful farm poultry keepers in that community will tell you to follow this plan if you will keep chickens for profit or for your health: 1. Build standard brooder house ten by twelve feet for one brooder and 300 chicks only, and build standard laying house 20 x 20 feet for 100 hens only. 2. Get your heavy breed chicks from 20 of February to 20 of March and get the light breed chicks from 20 of March to 20th of April, no sooner and no later for profitable layers. Get chicks from flocks you know are carefully mated and properly fed. 3. Raise your chicks on commercial

## INTERESTING BOOKLET ON MOUNTAIN FLORA PUBLISHED

One of the most interesting and instructive booklets of Western North Carolina that has ever been published has just been produced by Prof. B. W. Wells, professor of botany at the North Carolina State College, under the auspices of the North Carolina National Park Commission and the Great Smoky Mountains Incorporated.

The booklet entitled "The Remarkable Flora of the Great Smoky Mountains," covers the subject as thoroughly as is possible in so short space. It would be impossible to publish an exhaustive work on the flora of the mountains without carrying the edition into many volumes; but Prof. Wells, presents the interesting subject in excellent style.

He begins his short work with these paragraphs:

"Students of plant geography have always recognized that the Southern Appalachians constitute one of the outstanding vegetational centers of America. Here under conditions of high rainfall, good drainage and long growing season, Nature has produced a flora remarkable alike for luxuriance, size of individual plants and number of species present.

"Within the boundaries of this region from Virginia to Georgia the vegetation of the Southern Appalachians reaches its highest expression in the Great Smoky Mountains. Here on the vast cloud bathed slopes of these giants among the eastern ranges, plant life runs riot and many hundreds of species characterizing the region are distributed in lavish profusion. No richer botanical collecting ground exists in America than that of the Smokies.

"Of the approximately 3,000 species of plants in North Carolina a large proportion of them are distinctive of the mountains region. Here they distribute themselves in accordance with differing habitats, certain ones preferring the lower altitudes with their milder climate, others the higher, with their severer boreal con-

ditions. Noting these subdivisions or natural plant communities constitutes one of the interesting occupations of the mountain climber whomsoever he might be. Nowhere else in this great Southern Appalachians, are these contrasts in vegetation which are of so much interest to everyone, more strikingly observed, than in the botanical center of the region of the Smoky Mountains."

Prof. Wells closes his work by summing up the necessity, from the standpoint of the cultural development of America, of the establishment of the Park: "In America there is certain to develop a much higher culture than we now possess. If the artists, musicians and poets are to enjoy as formerly, the inspiration which perennially glows out of the primeval wilderness, it is imperative that some of this wilderness must be saved. If scientists of the future are to have the privilege of studying living species, rather than reading dusty books on extant life, these species must be saved. If the citizens of the nation (now mostly in cities) are to have acres of wild country in which to make amateur studies of wild life, and incidentally restore their nervous balance, such areas must be saved. There can be no question whatever about the vast importance of National Parks in relation to the culture of the coming generations.

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Frankly the South needs industrial prosperity, but not at the expense of the grace and charms of life. We need education for the masses and expert training for those who are to be leaders, but we should not like to have vocational and technical training entirely take the place of liberal culture. We want all that modern science can bring us, but we do not want to become scientific and rationalistic at the expense of the spiritual values of life. We can get along without a literature that finds its material in the garbage can and without a theatre that ministers to the obscene sneerings of the audience. We have seen some of the effects of these things on the modern mind and we want to avoid them. We need to know what critical scholarship and scientific hypothesis have done to make necessary a re-statement of religious beliefs, but we do not wish to swing to the opposite extreme and exalt rationalism and scientific certainties above a reasonable and vital faith in the eternal virtues. We of the South are too apt to indulge in a superficial optimism when a resolute facing of stubborn facts would be better.—Dr. Edwin Mims.

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## SOUTH'S NEEDS

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## SYLVA MINSTRELS WILL SHOW FRIDAY

The Sylva Minstrels will give a presentation on Friday night, at 8:00 o'clock, in the Graded School building. A bunch of good laughs are in store, and a large crowd is expected to attend. The proceeds are for the Sylva Central High School.

## DUCE OPPOSES MASONRY

Rome, Jan. 18—Mussolini yesterday received delegates of the Center Party from the Chamber of Deputies. He pledged himself to make war to the end against office holders who still are Masons affiliated with the Grand Orient.

## CHEROKEE COMMISSIONERS ABOLISH COUNTY COURT

Cherokee Scout.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County, the General County Court was abolished by special order of the board, to take effect as soon as the docket can be cleaned up and transferred to the Superior Court docket.

This action was taken in view of the fact that the commissioners are seeking to curtail expenditures at every point possible. The burning of the court house last year has brought on a lot of expense to the county, which made it necessary to take this action, it was announced.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES GRANTED

License to wed has recently been granted the following couples:

James L. Clement to Eva Churchwell.  
Mitchell Lindsey to Selma D. Mull.  
Marvin Reed Evans, Martinsville, Ind., to Flossie Ellen Parks.  
W. H. Huffman, Madison to Mae Leatherwood, Haywood.  
Pearley Hyatt to Ora Cloer.

## WHOLESALE DEATH OF HORSES IN HENDERSON

Hendersonville News.

Horses in Henderson County are suffering from an epidemic of Botulism, which has been raging for six weeks. Dr. R. E. Taylor, veterinarian announced yesterday that in the past four weeks there has been seventy-five horses died, and he declared that others have also been lost of which he had no first hand information. This is the first time an epidemic of this type has struck Henderson county and there is a tendency on the part of farmers to confuse it with madness or rabies.

## VETERAN LOAN FUND CONSTITUTIONALITY IS YET TO BE TESTED

Raleigh, Jan. 18—Constitutionality of North Carolina's \$2,000,000 Veteran's Loan Fund is expected to be decided soon by a "test case" in the Supreme Court.

Secretary of State Everett said today that papers in the case already had been forwarded to Chester B. Masslich, New York bond expert for approval.

The bonds were authorized at the November 2 referendum, but doubt as to their constitutionality was expressed by Masslich. He said a test case would be necessary before he could pass on the bonds.

## JACKSON COUNTY BOY DIES FROM ACCIDENTAL SHOT

Qualla

During the past week:—

Mr. Troy Lee Nation who was accidentally shot on Dec. 31st, died at Bryson City Hospital Jan. 14th. His body was interred in the Ward cemetery on Sunday afternoon. Rev. R. L. Cook conducted services. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nation. He was 19 years of age. Father, mother, two brothers and five sisters mourn his departure. They have a host of relatives and friends who sympathize with them in their sad bereavement.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gibson on Jan. 16th, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ferguson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Golman Kinsland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes and

## SYLVA HIGH DEFEATS S.C.I.

The Sylva High School quintet took the second game of the series from the Sylva Collegiate Institute, on the S. C. I. court last night with the close score of 21 to 25.

The game started off with both teams playing hard, and with S. C. I. showing a superb defense; but in the latter part of the first quarter Sylva High began breaking through the defense and scoring, and maintained a small lead until the third quarter when S. C. I., by scoring repeatedly, tied the score. It was only in the third quarter that S. C. I. was really dangerous to the High School; and they soon again took the lead, maintaining it until the close.

Watson for S. C. I. starred for his team, scoring 17 out of the 21 points made by the Baptists; while Fincannon, Sylva High's standby, for many cage battles, ran true to form and led his team to victory.

Both Watson and Fincannon were disqualified from the game in the fourth quarter on fouls.

Grindstaff, for S. C. I., was still suffering from an injured arm, and was in the game for only a short time.

Individual scores follow:

Sylva High School	
Enslley	1
Freeze	6
Fincannon	13
Clyanton	1
Barnes	4
Watson	25

S. C. I.

Watson	17
Bryson	1
Deitz	1
Dillard	0
Moody	0
Grindstaff	2
	21

## VARIED VOCATIONS MAKE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Almost every vocation in the state is represented in the present general assembly with the lawyers leading, with 81. There are five physicians in the house and one in the senate.

Other classifications are:  
Funeral directors, 1.  
Ministers, 1.  
Editors, 3.  
Real estate dealers, 3.  
Manufacturers, 5.  
Bankers, 7.  
Merchants, 5.  
Automobile dealers, 1.  
Insurance agents, 3.  
Fishermen, 1.  
Cotton buyers, 1.  
Druggists, 1.  
Teachers, 2.  
Civil engineers, 1.  
Cotton manufacturers, 1.  
Lumber dealers, 1.  
Traveling salesmen, 1.

## 18 Below Zero on Mount Mitchell

Mr. R. C. Evans of New York, representative of an outdoor club, with one companion was on Mount Mitchell for observations Saturday morning and reported that there was four feet of snow and a temperature of 18 below zero.

Master Theo. Estes visited at Mr. D. K. Battles.

Mrs. Will Freeman spent a few days with her parents at Almond.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes and Messrs. D. K. Battle and Marshall Gass were visitors at Mr. J. E. Battles.

Miss Mozelle Moody was the guest of Miss Ruth Ferguson.

Miss Mary Battle called on Miss Oma Gass.

Mr. and Mrs. Golman Kinsland visited at Mr. J. H. Hughes.

Some of the Qualla folks attended the funeral of Mrs. John Cooper at Ela Sunday afternoon.

The Parent-Teachers Association met Thursday afternoon.

Dr. Wilkes vaccinated Qualla school for small pox Monday.